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**To:** Ron Borsellino/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
**CC:**  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Citizen inquiries

I sent that to kathy and also the other materials we had prepared in prep for the survey -- FYI so you don't feel as if you have to forward anything else mentioned earlier.

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See below

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**From:** Joan Schafer  
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----- Forwarded by Joan Schafer/R3/USEPA/US on 01/11/2012 09:31 AM -----

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**From:** Michael Kulik  
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To: Betsaida Alcantara  
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## **Federal agency cancels delivery of water to Pa. town with tainted wells**

**ASSOCIATED PRESS (Pa.)** ALLENTOWN, Pa. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency abruptly changed its mind Saturday about delivering fresh water to residents of a northeastern Pennsylvania village where residential wells were found to be tainted by a natural gas drilling operation. Only 24 hours after promising them water, EPA officials informed residents of Dimock that a tanker truck wouldn't be coming after all. The about-face left residents furious, confused and let down — and, once again, scrambling for water for bathing, washing dishes and flushing toilets. Agency officials would not explain why they reneged on their promise, or say whether water would be delivered at some point. “We are actively filling information gaps and determining next steps in Dimock. We have made no decision at this time to provide water,” EPA spokeswoman Betsaida Alcantara said in an email to The Associated Press. It's not clear how many wells in the rural community of Dimock Township were affected by the drilling. The state has found that at least 18 residential water wells were polluted. Eleven families who sued Houston-based Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. expected water from the EPA to arrive either Friday or Saturday. They say they have been without a reliable source of water since Cabot won permission from state environmental regulators to halt deliveries more than a month ago.